

## Dedication

## Special issue in honor of Jacobus H. van Lint

I worked with Jack van Lint on the JCTA for almost 30 years, beginning in 1976. He was among our most influential and constructive editors. As managing editor I consulted with him regularly on submissions in the areas of designs and codes and practically any other area even remotely connected to his primary interests. Both his interests and his knowledge were extremely broad.

Jack's name appeared as the "Communicating Editor" on many papers, but the number of these does not begin to reflect the amount of work or influence he had. There were countless times we would receive papers and simply consult with Jack. His judgment and wide knowledge were indispensable. He could understand and appreciate papers in very short order, and would be able to help find excellent referees as well as provide sound judgments. It was also characteristic that he would rarely take long to review or comment on papers we sent him.

I always felt that Jack was one of the strongest voices in keeping the standards of the Journal high. He had a terrific sense of the significance and quality of the mathematical work we received. He was uncompromising in his values. It was always a great pleasure to be with him. Whenever I had occasion to visit him, he was a gracious host and a wonderful person to work with.

At one point, far too early I felt, he told me that he had reached a certain age and that he figured it was time to retire from the Editorial Board. I objected, much to the benefit of the Journal, and he continued to provide his valued advice. That was surely the best "reject" decision the Journal ever made.

On behalf of all the editors, I am happy to dedicate this special issue to the memory of Jack van Lint.



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